

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling computer network access, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) initiating at a client computer a first communication session at a first network address;

(b) receiving at the client computer via the first communication session a second network address;

(c) initiating at the client computer a second communication session at the second network address;

(d) receiving at the client computer via the second communication session an access configuration including a control setting for at least one communication protocol capable of being utilized during a third communication session;

(e) instantiating on the client computer a process which initiates a third communication session at a third network address; and

(f) in connection with the third communication session, controlling the conveyance of data at least one of (i) to and (ii) from the process instantiated on the client computer based on the control setting for the one communication protocol, wherein the one communication protocol is determined from the conveyed data, and the control setting is determined from the thus determined communication protocol; and

(g) transferring at least part of the conveyed data to the second network address via the second communication session.

2. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the access configuration includes a list related to the control setting for the one communication protocol; and

the conveyance of data via the third communication session is controlled based on the list.

3. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the one communication protocol includes one of:

World Wide Web (Web);
file transfer protocol (FTP);
E-mail;
News;
Chat;
Instant Messaging;
Telnet; and
Peer-to-Peer.

4. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the control setting is one of:

unrestricted computer network access (Allow All);
no computer network access (Block All);
limited computer network access to network addresses included in an allow list (Allow Listed); and
unrestricted computer network access except to network addresses included in a block list (Block Listed).

5. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
the access configuration further includes at least one of the following global control settings:

access prohibited to conveyed data including a predetermined word or phrase;
access prohibited to data of at least one predetermined data type;

access prohibited to data conveyed during at least one of a predetermined time and day-of-week; and

access prohibited based on a rating for a category included with the conveyed data;

and

step (f) further includes the step of controlling the conveyance of data at least one of (i) to and (ii) from the process instantiated on the client computer based on the at least one global control setting.

6. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 5, wherein the at least one predetermined data type includes an Internet cookie.

7. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, further including at least one of:

after step (b), the step of terminating the first communication session; and

after step (d), the step of terminating the second communication session.

8. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, further including the steps of:
transmitting from the client computer via the second communication session a request to receive another access configuration including a control setting for the one communication protocol;

receiving at the client computer via the second communication session the other access configuration; and

performing step (f) based on the control setting included in the other access configuration.

9 - 10. (Cancelled).

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11. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1~~claim 10~~, wherein the transferred data includes at least one of the following:

- a network address; and
- a subject of the third communication session.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1~~claim 10~~, further including the step of transferring with the data a login name received by the client computer during a login procedure by a user thereof.

13 - 23 (Cancelled).